(*c*) are the Government aware that there are Anglo-Indian ladies serving as typists and clerks in the Madras Secretariat?

(*d*) whether Government have any objection to appoint lady graduates in the Secretariat establishment?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes. None has been entertained in the Secretariat.

(*c*) Government have no information.

(*d*) The appointments are made on the recommendation of the Staff Selection Board, according to defined rules.

CANALS AND WATERWAYS NEAR THE MAHARAJA'S HOSPITAL AND T. D. HIGH SCHOOL—MATTANCHERI—INSANITARY CONDITION OF

86. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(*a*) the year and date on which the site on which the Maharaja's Hospital at Mattancheri now stands, was selected ;

(*b*) the year and date on which the site on which the newly built Thirumala Devaswam School now stands was selected;

(*c*) what plans, schemes or suggestions were made by those responsible for the selection of the above sites, or by the Engineering Department, regarding the canals and waterways in the vicinity of the Maharaja's Hospital and Thirumala Devaswam High School ;

(*d*) has the Government any report regarding these canals and waterways forming a menace to the health and well-being of the inmates of these institutions, either from the Chief Medical Officer or from the Director of Public Health ;

(*e*) will the Government be pleased to place on the table of the House, the results of the investigation by the Medical Officer for Epidemics in Mattancheri regarding these canals and drains being the breeding place for all kinds of mosquitoes such as Anopheles, Culex, Stegomya or Tiger mosquitoes, and the danger of these to the inhabitants.

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Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) 15th March 1930.

(*b*) 13th January 1938.

(*c*) In order to keep the canals in the vicinity of the Maharaja's Hospital and the new T. D. High School building in a clean condition, the Chief Engineer has reported that masonry drains with cemented bottom have to be constructed at a cost of Rs. 7,500 and Rs. 16,000 respectively. This is under consideration.

(*d*) There was a proposal from the Chief Medical Officer that the drain to the north of the Maharaja's Hospital should be closed altogether, and that if that is not possible, to cement it and flush it daily.

(*e*) A copy of the report is placed on the Council table.

DRAINS AND CANALS IN MATTANCHERI—DIRTY CONDITION OF

87. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Will the Government be pleased.—

(*a*) to place a map of the navigable waterways through Mattancheri Constituency from Chellanam Village in the south to the Calvetty Canal in the north up to the bridge that connects British Cochin with new road (Pullupalam) in Mattancheri;

(*b*) has the attention of the Government been drawn to an article styled "Mattancheri Town Improvement, Drains and Canals" that was published in the *Cochin Argus* on Saturday, April 22, 1939;

(*c*) what action, if any, has been taken to improve the conditions of the drains and canals in general in Mattancheri, and in particular regarding the drains and canals in the vicinity of the Maharaja's Hospital and the Thirumala Devaswam High School, since the last meeting of the Council;

(*d*) is the above waterway, sub-division (*a*), now in use;

(*e*) during the last 10 years, has any money been spent on the waterway to keep it in good order or to clear silt from it, or to repair its banks or otherwise;

(*f*) will the Government be pleased to state what will be the cost of keeping in clean sanitary order the canals

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